

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nagamura et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,239). Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagamura et al.

Amendments to claims 1 and 6 provide that a first part of the connection portion is located in a first area to which a hinge metal member is fixed, the hinge metal member connecting the body of the portable data terminal or information processing equipment and the cover. New claims 11 and 13 provide that a second part of the connection portion is located in a second area to which a hook portion is fixed, the hook portion keeping the body of the portable data terminal or information processing equipment and the cover in a closed state. New claims 12 and 14 provide that the hinge metal member is fixed by a screw member inserted through the through-hole formed in the projected portion of the liquid crystal module.

These amendments to claims 1 and 6 and new claims 11-14 are supported by page 18, line 3, to page 19, line 18, of the specification and Figs. 8 and 9 of the drawings. None of the above-mentioned features in amended claims 1 and 6, or in new claims 11-14, are disclosed, taught, or suggested by Nagamura et al.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 1 by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

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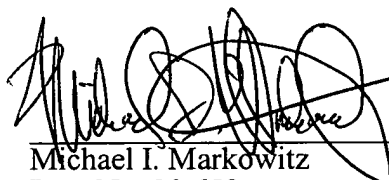
An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claims 1 and 6 are in

condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 6 have been rewritten as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A structure for mounting a rectangular liquid crystal module on a cover that covers at least one face of a body of a portable data terminal or information processing equipment, comprising:

a bottom plate which is put on the back side of a display face of the liquid crystal module;

an outside frame which is put on the side of the display face of the liquid crystal module and has an opening from which the display face can be exposed;

a projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame, the projected portion being made in at least one of upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module so as to be projected in the direction parallel to the display face;

a through-hole which is formed in the projected portion and extends through the projected portion in the thickness direction of the liquid crystal module; and

a connection portion which is formed in the bottom plate and the outside frame and connects the two through the [through-hole.] through-hole,

a first part of the connection portion being located in a first area to which a hinge metal member is fixed, said hinge metal member connecting the body of the portable data terminal or information processing equipment and the cover.

6. (Once Amended) A portable data terminal or information processing equipment which comprises:

a cover that covers at least one face of a body of said equipment;

a rectangular liquid crystal module built in said cover; and

a mounting portion for mounting said liquid crystal module on said cover,

said mounting portion comprising:

a bottom plate which is put on the back side of a display face of the liquid crystal module;

an outside frame which is put on the side of the display face of the liquid crystal module and has an opening from which the display face can be exposed;

a projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame,

the projected portion being made in at least one of upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal so as to be projected in the direction parallel to the display face;

a through-hole which is formed in the projected portion and extends through the projected portion in the thickness direction of the liquid crystal module; and

a connection portion which is formed in the bottom plate and the outside frame and connects the two through the [through-hole.] through-hole.

a first part of the connection portion being located in a first area to which a hinge metal member is fixed, said hinge metal member connecting said body of said equipment and said cover.